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Wool and Mohair Market Loss Assistance Program (WAMLAP)

Background

Section 204(d) of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 provided for payments to domestic wool and mohair producers for the 1999 marketing year through the WAMLAP. WAMLAP will be implemented by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Program Availability

WAMLAP will be available to wool and mohair producers who produced and sheared wool or mohair from January 1, 1999, through December 31, 1999.

Signup Dates

Signup began October 10, 2000, and will end December 29, 2000. Late filed applications will not be accepted.

Eligible Producers

An eligible wool or mohair producer is any person or group of persons who as a single unit produces wool or mohair. The producer's production and facilities must be located in the United States and may also include any of the following entities that are engaged in the production of wool or mohair in the United States:

- An individual who has beneficial interest in wool and mohair production, has a financial risk in the production, and is a citizen of or a legal resident alien in the United States;

- An Indian tribe of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act;
- An Indian organization or entity chartered under the Indian Reorganization Act; or
- An economic enterprise under the Indian Financing Act of 1974.

Eligible Wool or Mohair

Eligible wool must have been shorn in the United States, and livestock must have been owned for 30 days or more prior to shearing.

Payment Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a payment, a producer must have produced and sheared domestic wool and domestic mohair during the 1999 marketing year and still be in the business of producing and marketing agricultural products at the time of request and apply for payment during the application period.

Payment Rates

The payment rates are 20 cents per pound for wool and 40 cents per pound for mohair.

Method of Calculation

The wool and mohair payment will be calculated by multiplying the certified pounds by the payment rate.

Documenting

Producers will complete Commodity

Credit Corporation form CCC-1155 by self certifying the poundage produced and sheared during the 1999 marketing year. Because the producer certifies that the information is correct, no additional information is requested at signup.

Compliance

County offices shall spot-check 5 percent of all approved CCC-1155s to ensure that the program is carried out according to policy and procedures. This spot-check procedure must be completed within 60 days of the end of the signup period.

For More Information

Contact local Farm Service Agency offices or USDA Service Centers. Information may also be obtained from the FSA web site at: www.fsa.usda.gov

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